

30,000 CONGREGATE AT FAIR GROUNDS FOR OKLAHOMA CITY DAY

ALLIES CAPTURE 44 VILLAGES IN DRIVE ON SOMME

British and French Report Additional Gains.

AIM NOW AT CHAULNES

Circling Movement Against German Stronghold.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—British and French forces on the Somme front are continuing their drive, which since July 1 has netted them 60,000 prisoners, 190 square miles of territory and forty-four villages.

The British capture of the long resisting Thiepval stronghold following closely and unexpectedly upon the capture of Comblès by the combined allied forces, was itself followed up last night by a new stroke on the part of the French south of the Somme, where they drove out from Vermandovillers and captured a strongly fortified wood east of the town.

The British again advanced on the Somme front last night, the war office announced today. The greatest success was won in the direction of Eaucourt L'Abbaye.

Aimed at Chaulnes. Apparently the new French drive is aimed at Chaulnes, which bears to the south end of the Somme line some what the relation that Comblès did to the northern sector. The beginning of a French effort to pocket this other German stronghold was apparent some time ago and a further move such as that reported today in the drive east from Vermandovillers to a point two miles almost directly south of Chaulnes has not been unexpected.

Encircling Peronne.

The French lines already have been pushed in well south of the town. Meanwhile the military importance of the gains from Thiepval to the Somme scored in the smashing offensive of the present week are expected by military observers in the entente capitals to be made manifest by speedy inroads on German held territory. The French advance beyond Bouchavesnes is pointed to as directly threatening Albert, two miles north of Peronne and preparing the way for an encircling movement intended to drive the Germans out of Peronne itself.

Related reports from the British front today announce the capture of between 3,000 and 4,000 Germans by General Haig's forces in the fighting Monday and Tuesday. The reported capture by the French bring this total up to more than 6,000.

Bulgarians Stiffen Line.

In Macedonia the entente forces apparently are encountering a stiffened resistance, especially west of the Vardar region. Paris reports Kiamakacian height subjected to repeated attacks by Bulgarian forces, but declare the Serbians held fast to the captured positions. The Bulgarians announce the enemy was forced back.

Official reports just received from Bucharest take back nothing of the

Unionists Say 125,000 Walk Out in New York; More Will Follow



Above—A portion of the Seventy-first New York regiment, which has returned after several weeks' service on the border. May 11. Below—Labor leaders in charge of the strike. Left to right they are T. V. O'Connor, Timothy Healy, Hugh Frayne, J. P. Holland and W. B. Fitzgerald.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Union workers to the number of 125,000 went on strike today in sympathy with the striking traction employees, according to figures given out at a meeting of representatives of labor unions.

These were the figures reported to the meeting by the union delegates, according to Ernest Bohm, state organizer of the American Federation of Labor. The trades which have responded to the strike call, he said, are the United Garment Workers, six building trades unions, the Paper Hangers' unions, painters, housewreckers and several small organizations. Bohm declared that 25,000 more will go out Thursday.

Far less than 125,000 union employees responded to the call, according to reports received at police headquarters today. The officials said, however, that it was difficult to obtain an accurate estimate and declined to fix definite figures.

MORE SOLDIERS SOUTH; 10,000 ORDERED HOME

Gradual Mustering Out of All Guardsmen to Be Begun.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Some 6,000 national guardsmen from thirteen states and the District of Columbia were ordered to the Mexican border today by the war department and at the same time Major General Funston was directed to select 10,000 troops now on the border patrol, for return states to be mustered out of the federal service.

Leaves Only 10,000.

Today's order will send south virtually all of the guardsmen now in the mobilization camps of the states named and will leave only about 10,000 state troops in all the country that have not seen service on the border.

Gradual Return to Begin.

Within a short time the remainder probably will be ordered south releasing more of the organizations now under General Funston's command. The gradual return and mustering out of all the guardsmen then is expected to begin.

Cooler Tomorrow, Unsettled Today

Local Forecast—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday; somewhat cooler.

KANSAS—Fair and colder; frost in northeast portion tonight.

ARE YOU SURE THEY SAID I WAS SWEARING, LIZZIE? YES, THEY SAID YOU SPoke IN A CURSORY MANNER.

"Zimmie"

Woman Picks Out Casket and Invites Friends to Suicide

QUINCY, Ill., Sept. 27.—Mrs. Mamie C. Van Alstyne yesterday visited an undertaker, looked at a number of caskets, returned home and invited a number of friends and then walked into the front yard and took poison. She died in the arms of her nephew who was here to take her to his home in California. She had been despondent.

SLAYER OF MAN IN PHILADELPHIA FROM NEW YORK

Identified by Victim's Sister as Mrs. Harry Belzer.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 27.—A woman who shot and killed J. C. Graver of New York, seriously wounded his woman companion and then committed suicide in a hotel here early today, has been identified as Mrs. Harry Belzer of New York, by a sister of the dead man. This sister, whose name is Mrs. Frances Apman, came here today with Harry V. Fancy of New York, a business partner of Graver, and made the identification at the morgue.

Mrs. Apman told the police Mrs. Belzer's maiden name was Margaret McAndrews and that the woman had not been living with her husband recently. Graver, she also told the police, was a widower and had been very friendly with Mrs. Belzer. From cards found in Mrs. Belzer's handbag the police at first believed she was Mrs. J. C. Ledur, or Leduc. The wounded woman in the hospital has not made any statement. Mrs. Apman will go to the hospital later in the day to see if she can identify her.

BIGGEST PARADE EVER HELD PLAN OF DEMOCRATS

Leaders Expect 25,000 to Be in City Tomorrow.

Routine work at democratic headquarters was suspended entirely today and the attention of employees is being devoted to entertaining the hundreds of democrats who are arriving in the city for the big democratic rally at the State Fair tomorrow.

Already the hotel lobbies are filled with visiting democrats. By noon tomorrow, democratic headquarters estimates at least 25,000 will be in the city.

Owing to the fact that downtown hotels are taxed to their capacity, persons having rooms to rent in private families or rooming houses are requested to communicate with headquarters, giving their address and the price wanted for their accommodations. The main events of the big rally Thursday will begin with the arrival in Oklahoma City at 5:35 o'clock Thursday morning of United States Senator Robinson of Arkansas, who will speak at the fair grounds at 10 o'clock and at the Auditorium tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Spectacular night at 7 o'clock the big parade, which democratic leaders assert will be the longest pageant that ever moved through the streets of Oklahoma City, will begin moving from the corner of Fourth street and Broadway, going south on Broadway to Main, west on Main to Hudson, south on Hudson to Grand and west of Grand to the Auditorium. A prize of \$100 will be given to the largest delegation, a prize of \$100 to the best band, and a prize of \$25 for the best banner. At least fifteen bands will take part in the parade.

Children and Aged Rescued From Fire

QUEREC, Que., Sept. 27.—The Beaudmont home for children and aged persons at Lauson was destroyed by fire early today with a loss of \$50,000. The 200 inmates were safely rescued.

CARRANZA CALLS HIS ENVOY HOME FOR CONFERENCE

Envoy to Give American View of Relations.

FIRST CHIEF DISPLEASED

Disapproves Discussions by Conferencees.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador-designate, now on his way to Mexico City, is expected by personal conferencees to give General Carranza a clearer understanding of the American view of difficulties between the two countries and state department officials hope he may be able to convince the first chief of the necessity of consenting to full consideration of all issues by the joint commission.

Mr. Arredondo left Washington Tuesday afternoon, calling on Secretary Lansing, Counsellor Polk and Assistant Secretary Phillips. He explained to these officials that General Carranza had requested his presence in Mexico City.

Expected to Return.

Secretary Lansing said he had no direct knowledge of the purpose of Mr. Arredondo's trip but indicated that he expected him back.

General Carranza has shown plainly recently that he is not in accord with the American idea in connection with the joint commission to New London. Officials here have been puzzled by his notice to governors of Mexican states that the commissioners would discuss nothing beyond the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico.

Dissatisfied With Position.

Mr. Arredondo's personal status in this country also probably will be considered at his meeting with General Carranza. For a long time the envoy has been known to be dissatisfied with his doubtful position as ambassador-designate and to have desired his acceptance by the state department as ambassador and the accrediting of Henry P. Fletcher to Mexico City as ambassador.

TULSA BOY DIES OF INFANTILE PLAGUE

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 27.—Infantile paralysis took its first victim in Oklahoma today when Fred Patten, 13 years old, died of an illness of three days. State health officers have taken a hand to prevent any possible contagion.

With Skull Open, Talks to Doctors

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—With part of his skull removed and while surgeons were examining his brain tissues for the removal of a mastoid abscess, W. R. Morton Tuesday smiled and talked with the surgeons during the operation at the St. Mary's of Nazareth hospital here. The operation was performed under a local anesthetic. Today the patient was said to be getting along nicely.

Soldier Killed in Drunken Brawl

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—A report on the fight between American and Mexican soldiers in a saloon in El Valle, near the American expeditionary base last Friday was made to the war department today by Brigadier General Pershing with the comment that the Carranza officials regarded the incident merely as a drunken brawl. He did not give the name of the American trooper who was killed.

Britain Withdraws Rules on Tobacco

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Great Britain has withdrawn regulations for the importation of cigar tobacco which American growers have declared would ruin their business and authorized imports on the basis of those in 1913, 1914 and 1915.

Victims of Wreck Still Unconscious

EL RENO, Sept. 27.—(Special).—The three persons injured in the interurban accident Tuesday that caused the deaths of two persons are still unconscious today and their recovery is uncertain. They are Warren Moody and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morfield. The bodies of Mrs. Moody and her son, William, who were killed instantly, were sent to Putnam today for burial. The automobile in which they were riding was struck by an interurban freight car at Hoff and Cavanaugh streets.

Auto Racing Is Magnet Drawing Unprecedented Crowds to Exposition

BLACKMAILED



Mrs. Regina Klipper, Philadelphia divorcee, was blackmailed by the alleged international gang, and was kidnapped and taken to Montreal when she was about to make an exposure. One of the members of the gang has pleaded guilty in the Klipper case and has been sentenced to the federal prison.

GERMANS TELL OF BLOWING UP BIG SHELL STORE

Explosion in July Destroyed Allies' Huge Supply.

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—The story of the destruction by German aviators on the night of July 20 of huge British ammunition stores at Audurign, in northern France, ten miles south of Calais, is published in the semi-official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. According to this newspaper, German aviators kept watch for months as the ammunition store houses were being built. The plant consisted of dozens of sheds and buildings of all sizes, equipped with vast switching facilities and unloading platforms.

Every One Blown Up.

When the aviators had satisfied themselves that the storehouses were filled, they undertook the attack in the night, dropping bombs which are said to have caused the explosion of every one of the storehouses and set fire to barracks and other military establishments over a wide area. Photographs taken by the aviators on the following day, when contrasted with pictures taken the day before the attack, showed only huge craters where the ammunition plant had been, leaving no doubt as to the completeness of the destruction wrought.

Referred to in Letter.

This newspaper says it assumes the attack mentioned is the one referred to in a letter published in New York September 3 and signed by J. King, who was described as a member of the British house of commons, although in this letter the explosion was said to have occurred "about Aug. 16 last." If this is not the incident referred to by Mr. King, the newspaper says, then the British loss is doubled.

World's Biggest Explosion.

The letter credited to Mr. King said a German aviator had blown up an ammunition depot, causing the greatest explosion the world had ever had at a loss of about \$25,000,000. The writer said news of the explosion was being withheld by British censors. No reference has been made to such an occurrence in either the British or German official communications.

British Officers Ordered Released.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Release of Major Arthur S. Humphries and Lieut. Hugh Levick of the British army officers retained at Ellis Island on their arrival from England, was ordered today.

Trolley Cars Jammed to Suffocation, the Congestion Beginning Early in Morning; Scores of Autos From Country Arrive Hourly.

ALL ENTRIES PRESENT FOR SPEED CONTESTS

Biggest Attendances in Years at Various Exhibits Where Judging Is in Progress; Ardmore and Grange Share Honors With Capitol.

Thursday's Program

TULSA DAY—DERBY DAY—WOMEN OF '80—TENNESSEE DAY.

Forenoon.

8:00 a. m.—Attention of visitors is called to Machinery, Indian and County exhibits.

8:00 to 11:30 a. m.—Judging Poland Durham, French Draft, Standard Bred and Saddle horses and boys' pig club. Babies' health conference in progress. Tractor demonstrations at south end of grounds. Music by Makovsky's band all morning in bandstand.

Afternoon.

2:00 p. m.—Third day of race meet. Four events: 2:30 trot, Kansas and Oklahoma trotting futurity; two running races, including Oklahoma Derby; Vaudeville between races. Makovsky's band in bandstand. Bevo ponies on display.

5:00 to 6:00 p. m.—Jones exposition shows on Midway.

Evening.

7:30 p. m.—Opening of vaudeville performances. Berlo sisters, famous diving nymphs, one of the attractions. Following vaudeville, "Last Days of Pompeii."

7:00 to 11:00 p. m.—Midway shows.

"The law of club and fang" was put into practice in Oklahoma City today.

Imaginary clubs were wielded all day by conductors of street cars to prevent State Fair visitors from risking their lives on trolley conveyances already crowded to capacity, and the passengers were obliged to figuratively hold onto the nearest protruberance by their teeth.

Estimates made at the fair grounds at 1 o'clock were that 30,000 people would be on the grounds before the afternoon ended. More than 7,000 had paid admission before 11 o'clock. There were 16,000 attended the fair last year on Oklahoma City day.

Rush Starts Early.

The rush to the State Fair grounds—occasioned by the fact that the first automobile races of the week began this afternoon—started at 7 o'clock this morning, when thousands began pouring into the city via interurban cars, trains, automobiles, buggies and foot. Those who did not possess private vehicles rode on street cars—when they could get aboard.

Crushes on Cars.

From the beginning of the State Fair street car crush, cars were run every two minutes by the Oklahoma Railway company. Crowded to suffocation, the passengers clung to straps, handrails and woodwork in their anxiety to get to the exposition. Downtown-bound cars, on the other hand, carried few passengers. It was evident that most of the visitors intended staying at the Fair all day.

Ideality of Weather.

Clear skies and a breeze just sufficiently strong to make the Fair's myriad flags stand out stiffly against the clouds, held forth promise of ideal conditions for this afternoon's races. Many telephone calls were received at the Fairgrounds this morning from out-of-town people, inquiring as to weather conditions. State Fair officials believed attendance today would compare favorably with "Roosevelt Day," which opened the fair in 1912.

Race Track Treated.

The big race track had been oiled, rolled and put in perfect condition for today's speed events. All morning mechanics and drivers were engaged in going over their machines, tuning up engines, oiling and burnishing and making final preparations for what might develop into new gasoline records.

Businesses Closed.

All banks, state and city offices and a majority of the retail stores and groceries of the city were closed today in accordance with a proclamation issued by Mayor Overholser, proclaiming today "Oklahoma City Day" at the Fair. Employees of these places were thus given opportunity to visit the exposition in the day time. Today is also designated a "Grange Day" and